

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Takayama, et al. )  
Application No.: 10/027,136 )  
Filed: December 26, 2001 )  
For: Gas-Generating Compositions )

Art Unit: 3641

Examiner: Felton, A.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 16, 2003

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 16, 2003, applicant hereby provisionally elects the following species to which the claims will be restricted if no generic claim is ultimately deemed allowable:

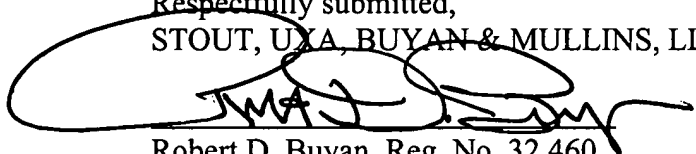
metal oxyacid salt—Applicant provisionally elects potassium nitrate;  
combusting component—Applicant provisionally elects activated carbon;  
stabilizer—Applicant provisionally elects diphenylamine; and  
other additives—Applicant provisionally elects copper oxide.

Claims 1-11 are believed to read on the provisionally elected species. Applicant notes that the Examiner has recognized that at least Claim 1 is currently generic.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Date: June 16, 2003

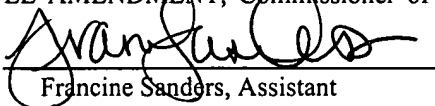
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